

Kincardine United Church
Celtic Service and 6th Sunday after Pentecost
July 4th, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Bold print in the bulletin invites you to say the words.

*An asterisk in the bulletin indicates you may sit or stand.

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PRELUDE Scotland the Brave

Traditional

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Kincardine United Church takes seriously

the commitments made to First Nations communities

through the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report,

especially through the Calls to Action to churches like us.

Therefore, we acknowledge, this day,

that we gather for worship

on the traditional territories of the Saugeen Ojibway,

and the other Indigenous peoples who preceded them –

the original nations of this land –

and we acknowledge, with respect,

their history, their spirituality, and their culture.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

GOD GATHERS US

MUSICAL INTROIT Amazing Grace

Traditional

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 100)

Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

And so we come to follow Christ.

Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

And so we come to dwell in the light.

Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

And so we come, leaving behind all else to which we cling.

PRAYER OF APPROACH (*Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 155*)

Loving God, you have led us to this place,
 not to shield us from heartache and the pain of human life,
 but to heal us and inspire us, to gently direct us,
 till we see the world as you do and live within it with your love.
 Amen.

***VOICES UNITED 222** Come Let Us Sing**ASSURANCE OF GRACE** (The Pattern of Our Days: Worship in the Celtic Tradition
 from the Iona Community, pages 118-119)

The little kid ran across the street, runny-nosed, a bit scruffy, tripping over almost.
 She ran toward a man whose arms were opened wide to welcome her.

“Give us a swing, Jesus,” she said, and she felt herself lifted high,
 and she saw the street and the sky whirling around her, ablaze with colour,
 like a mixed-up rainbow.

She was laughing then – excited, free, gasping for breath.

“Enough,” she said, and she felt herself slowing down, relaxing, safe,
 as Jesus held her in his arms and smiled....

Unless we become like little children, unless we risk that joy and abandonment,
 unless we run and ask and let ourselves be lifted high,
 we are never going to enter the kingdom of God when we fear.

The blessing is that God’s grace is so expansive, so unlimited, so abundant,
 that the risen Christ comes to *us* and sets us free,
 free to whirl and blaze in the Spirit’s rainbow colours of becoming.

Thanks be to God!

AFFIRMING OUR TRUST IN GOD (*Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 109*)

Let us affirm our trust in God’s generous grace:

**We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
 in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
 conflict and caring link arms,
 and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
 into actions, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line;
 to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation;
 to stand with those on the edge;
 to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God’s new community of hope. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 16*)

Trusting in God’s healing grace, we open our hearts and souls in confession.
 Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
 and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

Amen.

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(Silent prayer)

Forgiven, we continue to walk the Way of Jesus.

Amen.

SHARING TIME Thank You and Good Night

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 17)*

And now, as Jesus taught us, we say:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven, give us today our daily bread,
forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us,
save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil,
for the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD

BIBLE READING 2nd Corinthians 12:2-10 from the New Testament page 185.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— ⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

***VOICES UNITED 382** Breathe on Me, Breath of God

BIBLE READING Mark 6:1-13 from the New Testament page 40.

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary^[a] and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and

not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

DOXOLOGY Love Is the Touch #89 *More Voices* (verse 4 only)

**Love is the Maker and Spirit and Son;
love is the kingdom their will has begun;
love is the path which the saints all have trod;
God is where love is, for love is of God.**

MEDITATION Receiving Is Harder than Giving

INVITATION TO COMMITMENT (Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 104-105)

So come and follow Jesus,
you who have committed yourselves already,
and you who would like to do so for the first time;
you who have given yourselves to the care of creation
and to the suffering ones of the world,
and you who feel moved by the Spirit to begin to offer yourselves;
you who have been faithful in your life commitments
and you who have failed.

Come, for our Lord invites us to follow him, and to make new beginnings in our lives.

GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND

A RESPONSE (Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 105-106) (in unison)

**O God of the high heavens,
O Christ of the deep earth,
O Spirit of the flowing waters,
O Trinity of love,
you have offered your love to us,
and here we pledge our love to you.**

**Strengthen us in our desire,
and breathe into our bodies the passion of your love.**

We pray this in the name of Jesus, to whom we commit ourselves. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

ANTHEM Highland Cathedral

Traditional

MINUTE FOR MISSION

OFFERING INVITATION

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

(A Contemporary Celtic Prayer Book, pages 36-37)

**Rise energy – strength sustained, this day’s work for fingers trained.
 Toil of our hands, work of our mind, God’s great grace is intertwined.
 No worthy task is entertained, till Spirit’s gifts are full retained.
 All our efforts so maintained by gifts of grace – heaven gained.
 Bless our work; bless Christ’s Way; bless our giving day by day. Amen.**

***MORE VOICES 176** Three Things I Promise

INVITATION TO ACT (*Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 101-102*)

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness,

God’s own for the world.

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction,

God’s own for the world.

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love,

God’s own for the world.

Look at the cross, see God’s Son and our Saviour,

God’s own for the world.

This is God’s world,

and we will serve God in it.

BLESSING (*Iona Abbey Worship Book, page 102*)

Jesus said, “I am with you always.”

May God the Creator bless you.

May God the Son walk with you.

May God the Spirit lead your lives with love.

Amen.

SONG OF COMMITMENT 150 MV (verse 4 only) Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.

Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.

Through change, through challenge, we’ll greet the new dawn...

Spirit God, be our song.

POSTLUDE The Green Hills of Tyrol

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